

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to express my support for the merger of DIRECTV and Echostar. Echostar and Directv currently provide the lowest-priced, highest quality multichannel television service in the country. They do so because the management of each company understands, and cares about, the needs of US consumers. Therefore, it makes sense to allow the two DBS providers to merge, with the constraint of a national pricing plan. The merged companies will create an even better value for money for US consumers. In addition, the merged companies will be able to provide an even better competitive prod to cable companies. Please support the merger.

Sincerely,

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